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By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

A 41-year-old construction worker on a county drainage ditch project on Drake near Lyman in Farmington Hills, was electrocuted Monday when an earth mover knocked down an overhead live electric power line.

Anthony Morelli, of Royal Oak, died

Monday night in Botsford Hospital, 9½ hours after the accident.

He was the superintendent of the Romulus based Mole Construction Co. crew which had been digging the drain for the past two months.

Morelli was working in a 20 foot deep ditch when he was struck by the

13,200 volt Detroit Edison wire.

Machine operator Art DiMarco, 53, told Farmington Hills police that he was momentarily distracted by some workers on the other side of the road before he noticed that the shovel arm was too high to go under the wires. The shovel knocked the wires down, draping them over the machine's arm with the hot end wrapping itself around Morelli's feet.

WHILE MORELLI lay face down in the ditch, the shovel operator managed to jump to safety and drag himself away from the accident.

When Farmington Hills Police, Farmington City Ambulance and Redford Ambulance Service arrived, officers tried to sever the downed wire to make it safe to approach the injured man.

Two Hills police officers each fired 18 rounds of ammunition in an attempt to sever the wires.

They were partially successful and Farmington Hills Firefighters finished

the job when they arrived at the scene.

Three other Mole Co. employees, including the victim's brother were sent to Botsford Hospital for observation and were released.

Workers who shared the shift with Morelli stood around the site, stunned. "One of the men was hurt real bad. He might die. A good man," said one of Morelli's co-workers.

The ditch was covered immediately after the accident and workmen were sent home.

The breaking of the line also left about 1,200 Hills Edison customers without electricity for an hour Monday morning.

THE ACCIDENT caused a fire in the utility room of Mrs. Sally Blight's home on Lyman, across from the construction site. Mrs. Blight was driving home when she was stopped by the accident scene.

Edison Safety Inspectors help put out the smoldering blaze which damaged a wall and her washer. No one was home at the time.



Electrical wires over a construction site were severed by steam shovel arms which were raised too high. The 13,200 volt wires caused the electrocution of a 41-year-old construction worker. (Photos by Cynthia Abbott)

Pranksters scatter mail

Postal authorities are considering pressing charges against at least one of four juveniles who removed mail from boxes in front of the Farmington Post Office recently.

Mail was strewn along Nine Mile from Freedom to Ruth, by three girls. The girls were seen kicking the mail from the boxes by postal employee Maurice Denvers, of Farmington.

He followed their car until he was able to copy down the license number. When Farmington police arrived at the home of the registered owner of the car, they found it in the drive and a girl behind the wheel. Looking into the car, the officer noticed several pieces of torn envelopes and cards without canceled stamps. The 15-year-

old girl told police she didn't know how the letters got into the car.

Police suspect that the same group plus a juvenile boy were responsible for another mail throwing incident in the city.

THE 16-YEAR-OLD girl who drove the car was briefly in custody of the Farmington Police. She was released to her parents pending prosecution through the U.S. Attorney's office for mail theft.

The cards were recovered by postal officials. Other cards found later the next day on Nine Mile near Freedom by a Farmington Department of Public Works employee were returned to the post office for redelivery.



CHRISTOPHER McDONALD

McDonald named realty head

Christopher L. McDonald, of Farmington Hills, has been appointed president of Home Master Realty Inc.

McDonald, 28, has been in the realty business since 1971.

He has served as a member of Western Wayne-Oakland County Board of Realtors' Salesmen.

Officers picked for Chamber board

James Stone, vice president of First Federal Savings of Oakland, has been named North Oakland Chamber of Commerce president for 1978.

He was elected at a Chamber directors meeting earlier this month. Also named were Ken Rogers of Evans and Associates as president-elect, Neil Monro of the Oakland Press as vice president of governmental affairs and Aleck Capsalis of the Community National Bank as vice president of community development.

Other officers named were Richard Wilcox, The Reminder, as vice president of economic development and David Sackman, Consumers Power, as vice president of organizational affairs. Ruth McCarthy of the Pontiac Mail was returned to the office of secretary and Richard Rudloff of Fleet Ambulance, reelected as Treasurer.

Eight board members were elected for a three year term. They were Jack Harrington, Sears Roebuck and Co.; Paula Jackson, Lanthier Foundry; Steve Peterson, Radio Station WPON; Fred Poole, Poole Dickie Lumber Co.; Fred Seeley, Perry Drug Stores; Lyall Smith, The Detroit Lions; Sheldon Smith, Rolfe H. Smith Realty Co.; Jean Yokely, Tucker Hollis Realty.

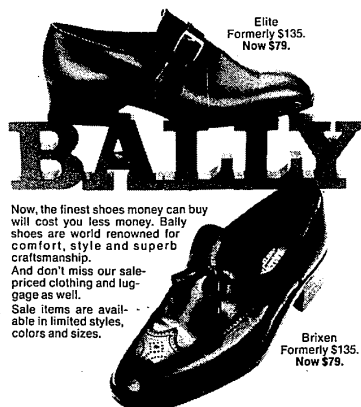
Appointed to two year terms were William Belaney, Pontiac State Bank; Leigh Gentges, General Motors Truck and Coach Division; Paul Feltice, Felice Markets; Ralph Lownds of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital was elected to a one year term.

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